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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA:SADF SOLDIER KILLED; SPOKESMAN COMMENTS ON
ALLEGED ANGOLA RAIDS

1. SADF HEADQUARTERS IN WINDHOEK ANNOUNCED SEPTEMBER 7
THAT AN SADF OFFICER HAD BEEN KILLED THE PREVIOUS DAY IN
CENTRAL OVAMBO, JUST SOUTH OF THE ANGOLAN BORDER. THE DEAD
MAN WAS REPORTEDLY LEADING A PATROL WHICH ENCOUNTERED A
TERRORIST BAND.

2. EARLIER, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, AN SADF SPOKESMAN IN
PRETORIA COMMENTED ON THE REPUTED ACCUSATIONS BY THE ANGOLAN
DEFENSE MINISTRY THAT SADF TROOPS HAD MADE SEVERAL RAIDS
ACROSS THE BORDER. THE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT " THE SOUTH
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AFRICAN AUTHORITIES HAVE MADE IT CLEAR ON SEVERAL
OCCASIONS THAT WE HAVE NO FIGHT TO PICK WITH THE MPLA
OR ANGOLAN CITIZENS. SA FORCES ARE IN NORTHERN SWA
AT THE REQUEST OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO PROTECT THE
BORDERS AND THE LOCAL INHBITANTS AGAINST UNWARRANTED DEEDS
OF TERRORISM. MOST OF THESE DEEDS HAPPEN FOLLOWING BORDER
VIOLATIONS BY SWAPO TERRORISTS AND IN SEVERAL CASES

SECURITY FORCE PATROLS AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL POPULATION
DRAW UNWARRANTED FIRE FROM THE ANGOLAN SIDE OF THE BORDER.
ALTHOUGH THE SECURITY FORCES APPLY ALL POSSIBLE RESTRAINT,
THEY SOMETIMES HAVE TO REACT EFFECTIVELY."
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